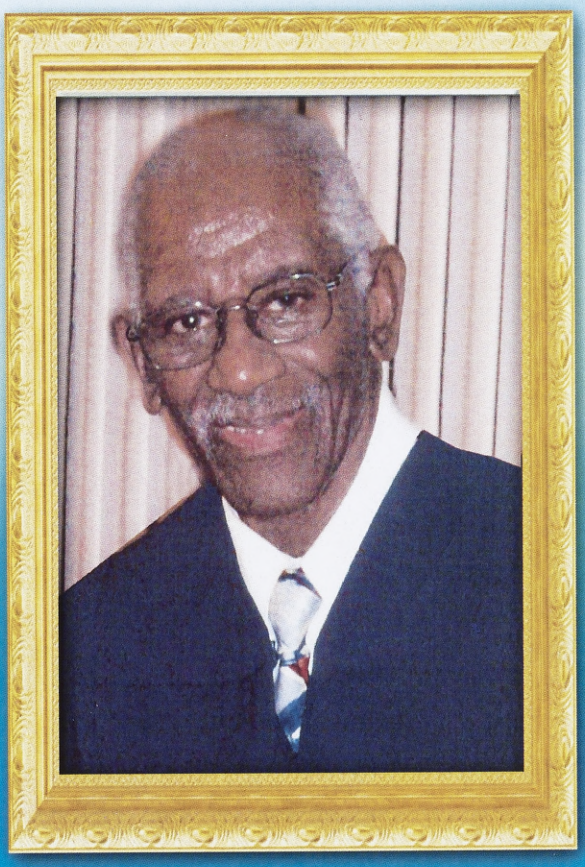
Homegoing Celebration of

Pastor Emeritus Dolphus McAlister



Sunrise
September 10, 1925

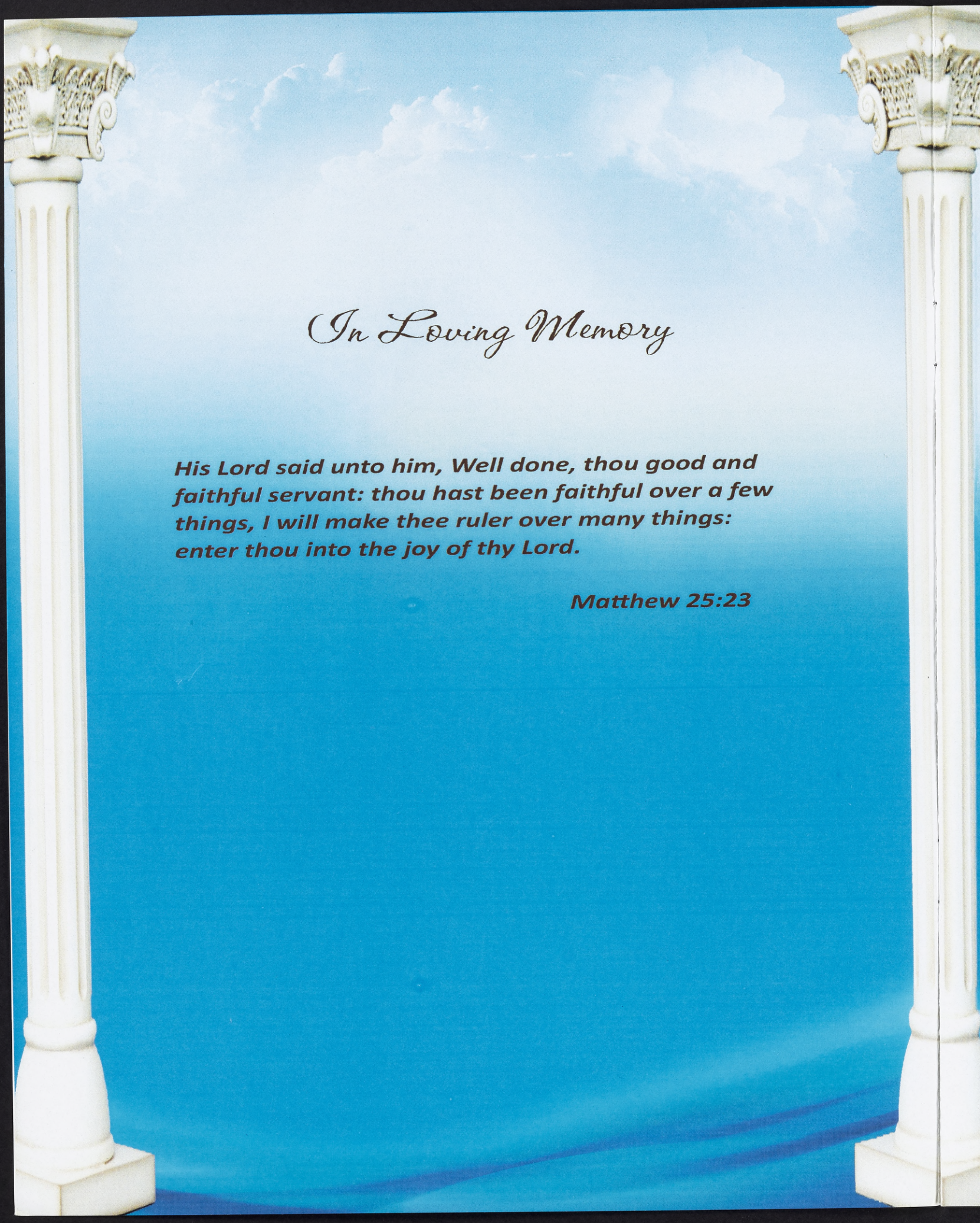
Sunset
May 11, 2015

"Well done, Thou Good and Faithful Servant"

Memorial Service

Monday, May 18, 2015 - 10:00 am

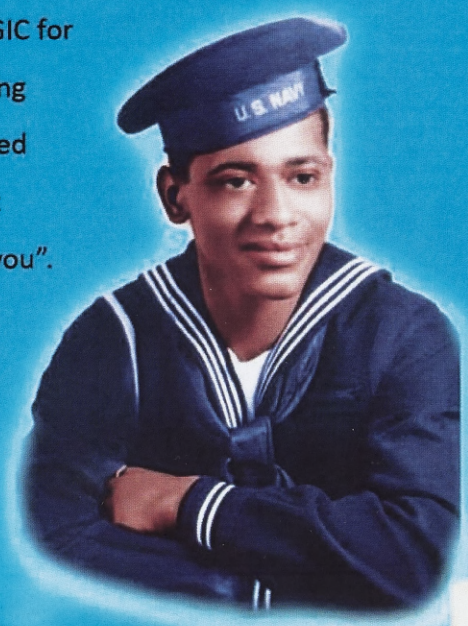
Yosemite Christian Center
1201 E. Yosemite Avenue
Madera, California


In Loving Memory
His Lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.
Matthew 25:23

Obituary of Pastor Emeritus Dolphus McAlister

Pastor Dolphus McAlister age 89 was born to the late Dennis and Palvin Henderson-McAlister on September 10, 1925 in Depew, Oklahoma. When he was 11 years of age his parents Dennis and Palvin McAlister migrated to California. In 1936 they settled in the Dixieland area between Chowchilla and Madera then later moved into Madera. He attended Madera High School and during his senior year he decided to join the Navy. He was on the Battleship Angaur USS Storm King while it was in Luzon Iowjma, Saipan. During his tour of duty he was involved in World War II and became a Veteran of Foreign Wars. After being discharged he worked for a short period of time in the Naval shipyard in Alameda County. He later returned to Madera and met Arzetta Mingo. He fell in love and married her. They remained married for 64 years and had 8 children. One child passed at birth.

As a resident of Madera he attended Knox Chapel African Methodist Espicabol Church. It was there that he was first introduced to the Lord. A few years later he and Arzetta united with Hull Ave Church of God in Christ, he remained a member for over 61 years until his passing. While attending Hull Ave he felt and heard the call to Christian ministry to preach and became an ordained Elder in the church. In 1994, he was elevated to position of Pastor. He pastored Hull Ave. COGIC for 15 years. One of his favorite scriptures was "No good thing will he withhold from those that walk upright." He enjoyed singing "All that I need is in Jesus and It is no secret what God can do, what he has done for others, he will do for you". Not only did he serve Hull Ave COGIC, he loved serving the Saints. He would frequently say that his inheritance was among those that were sanctified. He served the Morning Star District of the Valley as Finance Secretary for over 30 years.



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He loved the California Northwest Jurisdiction under Bishop W.W. Hamilton and the National Church. He was willing to respond to any request made of a Pastor in the Church of God in Christ. He thourghly enjoyed traveling to Memphis for the Holy Convocation and was a great supporter of the International Sunday School Department.

He was Chaplin for Veterans of Foreign Wars from 1992-2000 in Madera. He sought to share and instill Christian principles with his children and was honored to have 3 sons, Dr. Bruce Earl McAlister, Pastor Duane Ray McAlister, and Michael Dale McAlister and a daughter Regina McAlister, in Ministry.

Pastor McAlister was bi-vocational and worked hard to take care of his family by working in the automotive repair field, winery and lumber industry. During his retired years he assisted his wife Arzetta with their residential care service. He was well respected as a religious Leader in Madera and was eager to participate in ecumenical gatherings. He was a lifelong member of NAACP. He served on the Board of Directors for Operation Bread Basket and gave to social service agencies that ministered to the poor and hurting. He was awarded the Community Service Honor Award on July 17, 2011 by the NAACP. He was placed in the Hall of Faith by Fresno Temple COGIC.

At age 89, he continued to enjoy his church as a Pastor Emeritus and would visit daily with friends at the senior center. He loved the legacy of The McAlister family, it's history dating back to the days of slavery. He took great pride in sharing the book that was written about the McAlister Family. He will be long remembered for helping to establish the McAlister Family reunion in 1974, that continues to meet annually.

Proceeding him in death was his parents Dennis and Palvin Henderson-McAlister, his wife Azetta Mingo-McAlister, Brothers Clifford, Lloyd and Leonard McAlister, Sister Murrey Ridge. He leaves to cherish his memories. Children, Randolph (Ernestine) McAlister of Sacramento, Bruce (Shirley) McAlister of Fresno, Cynthia (Larry) Stokes of Fresno, Duane (Beverly) McAlister of Madera, Regina McAlister of Madera, Janice (Marvin) Moore of Oakland, Michael (Dennice) McAlister of Fresno; Brothers John (Dorothy) McAlister of Elk Grove, Walter McAlister of Fairfield. He has 14 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

Order of Service

Officiant

Supt. Gerald Harris, Administrative Assistant

Processional		
Prayer		Supt. Eugene Chester
Scriptures	Old Testament	Supt. Wilbur Clark
	New Testament	Pastor Wilbur Keel
Congregational Song	"Bless That Wonderful Name"	
Acknowledgement of Cards and Condolences		Sis. Cassandra Bell
Musical Tribute	Favorite Songs: *"All I Need, It is No Secret"*	Elder Lester Williams
Resolutions		Miss'y LuAnn Perry

Remarks

Family Reflections

Musical Selection — Choir

Reflections from the Faith Community

Local Church: Hull Ave COGIC, Pastor Charles Fryer

Morning Star District: Miss'y W. Fryer

California Northwest Women's Dept: Supervisor Mother Mary Welch

Nor Cal Metro Jurisdiction Administrative Assistant: Supt. Jerald Simpkins

California Valley Jurisdiction: Bishop Samuel Doyle

California Northwest Jurisdiction: Bishop Nathaniel Bullock

Musical Selection		Choir
Obituary		Sis. Claudette Watkins
Introduction of Speaker	Supt. Joe Nobles, 1st Admin. Assistant Nor Cal Metro Jurisdiction	
Sermonic Solo	*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*	Psalmist, Pastor Gwen Amey
Eulogy	Bishop Jerry W. Macklin, Prelate Nor Cal Metropolitan Jurisdiction	
	2nd Assistant Presiding Bishop Church of God in Christ	

Viewing

Recessional

Scripture: Genesis 50:25
Thought: "When you leave here, take my bones with you"

Pallbearers

Ehan McAlister
Derek McAlister
Jonathan McAlister
Dion Yarbrough
Elder Charles Deloney
Elder Barton Perry

Honorary Pallbearers

Larry Stokes
Marvin Moore

Repast

Madera Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse
23200 Ave. 17
Madera, California

Acknowledgments

Perhaps you made a comforting call or sat quietly in a chair.
Perhaps you sent a card or dish of food; if so we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words any friend could say.
Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much.
Whatever the part, may God bless you.

The McAlister Family

Funeral Arrangement Entrusted To

Jesse E. Cooley, Jr.'s Funeral Home
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559 268-8048

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PRESS ON

If you are determined to climb the hills,
When it seems you can't succeed,
Press on, ask for strength to climb them
The Lord knows what you need.

Press on! strive to obtain your goal,
Dont stop to fret or complain
Remember, the enemy would be happy;
If you hang your head in shame.

You must never think of quiting,
No matter how hard the task;
The Lord has promised to be with you,
His power will hold you fast.

Press on! the sun is still shining,
When it seems it is hid from view;
Take courage and hold to Jesus
He will see you safely through.

Press on! there is a crown awaiting;
There is a home prepared for you
If you will not faint nor falter,
You can rejoice with the heavenly crew.

It wont be long, it wil soon be over,
For the word of God is true;
He is not short concering his promises;
There is a mansion prepared for you.

Pastor Dolphus McAlister

Love Missy. Wilhelmina Fryer

"Reunited As One"

The Legacy Continues...

McAlister Family